

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Butts VAS1916  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Some of the online images are too poor for transcription.]

State of Kentucky        }  
Bullitt County SS        }

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County, Capt Joseph Saunders [pension application S11347], and made oath that William Butts was a private in Major George Slaughter's [W8729] Corps, in Capt Mark Thomas's [R18446] Company and that the said Butts was while in the service taken prisoner by the Indians near the falls of Ohio (now Louisville) in June 1780 and never was heard of again so far as this affiant has heard or believes. except that another man who was a prisoner at the same time informed this affiant, that he knew said Butts while a prisoner with the Indians at the Shawnee towns. And further this affiant saith not.

Given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> Feby 1832



State of Kentucky } Sgt.  
Anderson County }

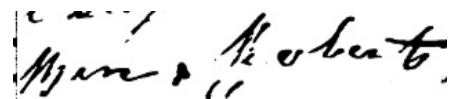
Samuel Butts of said County and State makes oath, that he is the son of William Butts deceased. that his said Father in the month of September in the year 1779, entered into the Service of the state of Virginia, under & by the Authority of said state as a private in Captain Mark Thomas's Company in Major George Slaughters Corps against the Indians in the Western Country, now Kentucky, and that he continued in said service, until June 1780, and at Louisville in said month of June 1780, he was taken prisoner by the Indians. Was taken off, and the affiant never heard of him more

He supposes his father died, or was killed by the Indians at some of their Towns North West of the Ohio River. Affiants Father at the time of his entering the service, from information was about forty or forty five years of age. Affiants father enlisted or engaged to serve in said Corps for two years. The bounty promised him was Three hundred and twenty five acres of land, and a certificate for Forty eight Pounds on the Treasury of Virginia. Affiants mother the wife of his father received the Treasury Certificate. Said William Butts dec'd remained with the said Corps all the aforesaid time doing service at all the points of defence from Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia to the Falls of Ohio now in Kentucky, and performing service at Louisville until taken prisoner by the Indians.

Affiant is the oldest son of said William Butts dec'd. there is also of his children living as he believes the following viz. John, Rozanna, William, Elinor, & Thomas.

Sworn to & subscribed by the above named Samuel Butts in the presence and before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1832.       B. A. Carlisle J.P.

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for  
Owen County        } said County Capt. Benjamin Roberts [S31343] who being duly sworn saith that  
William Bull was a private in Major George Slaughters [undeciphered word] who was while in service  
taken prisoner by the Indians near the falls of the Ohio on the 8th or ninth day of June in the year 1780  
and never was heard of since and further this deponent says not.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of October 1832



[The following is from [bounty-land files in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia

Culpeper County SS.

On this 18th day of February 1834 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Peter Triplett [Peter H. Triplett W2706] of s'd county in his eightyeth year of age and of good character and standing for veracity who being duly sworn depose and saith that in the year 1779, or 80 he enlisted in the company of Capt Benjamin Roberts and marched with him and Major George Slaughter to the [two or three undeciphered words], that William Butts of said county went with them the latter having enlisted as a soldier and doing the duties of a soldier – That within the first year of our service said Butts was out on a hunting party and was taken prisoner by the Indians on what was then called [undeciphered] Creek above Louisville. That he was carried off and said to have been murdered – he never returned and has never been heard of since. That at the time said Butts was taken he was performing a soldier's duty out with other soldiers – and that the commandant of the Reg't took possession of his stock of spirits &c. That he cannot recollect with sufficient exactness to say what was the value of the stock on hand but thinks it must have been several Hundred dollars say four or Five hundred, and that the Capt took possession of what was left, and it was considered and used he thinks as public stock. That said Butts enlisted and was considered a soldier as long as he was with the army and it was often said amongst the soldiers that his family ought to have restitution and that he does not believe that any restitution or compensation ever was made.

Given under my hand this day and year above written

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Culpeper County – Butts, Eleanor]

TO the General Assembly of Virg'a.

The Petition of Eleanor Butts the widow of Wm Butts dec'd. on behalf of herself and her children – sheweth that her dec'd, husband Wm Butts in the year 1779 was enlisted as a soldier in Capt. Benj'n. Roberts's company, under the command of Major George Slaughter Commandant at the Falls of Ohio; that he was in the service of the state of Virg'a all the month of June 1780 when with sundry other soldiers he was taken on the Diamond Island by the Indian Savages & has not been heard of since. Your Petitioner has been advised that it is now too late to make any claim for a considerable quantity of whiskey that was in the possession of the s'd. Wm. Butts when he was taken. But she is advised that it is not too late to make application to your honorable body for the Land Warrant of 325 acres to which he was entitled for a bounty – which she does not know, was ever issued, or if it was, it has never been laid, but lost. Your petitioner prays, therefore, that the said Warrant or a special duplicate thereof may now issue – or that yr. Petitioner may have such other & further releif in the premises as to yr honerable body may seem proper.

[signed] Eleanor Butts

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